

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the pending claims were rejected as follows. Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0025018 to *Haas et al.* (hereinafter, *Haas*) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0195983 to *Krause*. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 2-5 contain allowable subject matter.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claim 1, Claim 1 has been amended so as to further define the claimed invention, namely, by incorporating the limitation of Claim 2 and, subsequently, canceling Claim 2. Accordingly, since Claim 2 has been allowed and has now been incorporated into newly amended Claim 1, Applicant asserts that newly amended Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has also been amended for consistency purposes.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claim 6, the Examiner rejected Claim 6 contending that Claim 6 contained similar recitations as those set forth in Claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended in a manner similar to Claim 1. Thus, in view of this amendment, Applicant asserts that Claim 6 is in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1 and 3-6 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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